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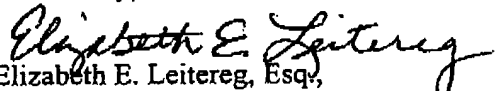
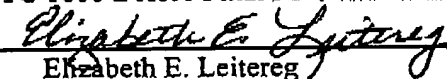
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MICROARRAYS ON ADSORBED POLYMER SILICEOUS SURFACES**From: Elizabeth E. Leiterreg, Reg. No. 34,101**
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